

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A method of directly funding projects comprising:  
soliciting proposals desiring funding; posting said proposal on a server; connecting said server to the Internet and receiving an inquiry from at least one client device concerning said proposal, wherein said inquiry comprises a direct transfer of money or a pledge.
- 2 (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said project is an art project.
3. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said project is a science project.
4. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said project is a not for profit organization.
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein said direct transfer of money comprises receiving a credit card debit authorization from a client.
8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said direct transfer of money ~~comprise~~ comprises payment of Internet cash to the ~~a~~ solicitor.
9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of crediting funds to the project desiring funds.
10. (Previously Presented) A network based system of direct funding of projects comprising: at least one client device; at least one server; and wherein said server includes software which posts on the Internet proposals desiring funding and receives inquiries to the

posting from the at least one client and software to allocate funds based on the inquiries to the projects.

11. (Canceled)
12. (Previously Presented) A network based system of direct funding of projects comprising: a means for soliciting proposals desiring funding; a means for posting the proposals on a server; a means for connecting the server to the Internet; and a means for receiving an inquiry from a client device responding to the proposals.
13. (Currently Amended) The network based system of claim 12, further comprising a means for distributing ~~finds funds~~ to the authors of the proposals.